

U. S. WORRIED OVER HELIUM SHORTAGE

Principal Source of Supply Playing Out

Washington—America faces a helium shortage, and helium is the unobtainable gas that, although undervalued on earth before 1918, is used to inflate dirigibles and thus keep them from exploding, as those filled with hydrogen are likely to do.

The natural gas from the Porcupine (Texas) field, which has provided helium in small quantities since 1918, is playing out. Since 1918, the United States has been producing two types of helium, each with a capacity of 600,000 cubic feet, to cost \$50,000. The gas is used in the United States for dirigibles, and the United States bureau of mines is asking Congress to appropriate money to get the "Fort Worth" (Texas) helium extraction plant, built during the war, the helium-bearing natural gas of Nocona, only 25 miles from Porcupine.

The appropriation desired is \$500,000, which is needed to complete the necessary plant and machinery at the Nocona field, which is the source of the helium. The bill is now waiting action by the Senate. Once the money is appropriated, it will be a matter of only six or seven months before the plant is in operation.

The Nocona field was discovered in 1922, and although it is still in the early stages of development, it is believed to be one of the largest helium fields in the world.

The helium from the Nocona field is about 99.99 percent pure, and it is estimated that the field will produce from 100,000 to 200,000 cubic feet of helium a year during that time.

More helium is essential with the construction of the dirigible fleet in view. There never was a dirigible in the United States, and the dirigible fleet in the United States is now being built.

The world's largest dirigible, the Graf Zeppelin, is now being built in Germany. The dirigible is 240 feet long, 41 feet in diameter, and it is estimated that it will cost \$10,000,000 to build.

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LUMBER CAMP SONGS INNOCENT DITTIES

Writer Traces History of Ancient Tunes

Montreal—Coinciding with the opening of the Quebec exposition, a committee of the French-Canadian writers, with a view to putting a quietus once and for all on the legends of the origin of the songs, have decided to publish a book of the songs of the French-Canadian writers.

The book, which is the first of a series, is a collection of the songs of the French-Canadian writers, and it is estimated that it will be ready for service in 1930.

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RANCHER'S LIFE SAVED BY HORSE

Animal Wrote for Injured Man

St. Louis, Mo., S. A. M. Hinder, a rancher of northwestern South Dakota, is the owner of a horse which would save his life in a moment of need.

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THE TIMES-VIRGINIAN

APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA, THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 17, 1927

EVERGREEN
Right many of our people went to the convict camp which is not far from here Sunday afternoon and reported everything neat and clean. The convicts had beautiful singing, one hymn was especially touching, "My Mother's Prayers Will Follow Me," which was sung beautifully.

Mrs. F. F. Burnett, and little daughter, Pearl, has returned from Green County here, she has been for some time keeping house for her daughter, Mrs. Marshall, who is in a hospital in Charlottesville. She reports her daughter improving.

Mr. Ohma Burnett who was operated on at the Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg last week is getting on nicely.

Mr. Vance Harvey, Miss Gladys Jennings and Miss Ida Belle Evans visited the Hill City Saturday and called to see Mr. Ohma Burnett.

It is good to see so many of our good old members back at Sunday School. They have been kept at home on account of the muddy roads.

Mrs. O. P. Farrar visited her home people in Richmond last week-end.

We would advise Mrs. J. R. Conner to take the old-fashioned "mule back riding."

Miss Madian Lee and Miss Elsie Marks were the week-end guests of Miss Lurline Harvey last week.

Miss Eshly Lee is visiting her cousin, J. W. St. Clair, in Roanoke.

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